




PFOA Contamination Southern New Hampshire Weekly Update

May 13, 2016

NHDES is issuing these weekly email updates during our ongoing investigation into perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in southern New Hampshire drinking water. These updates will also be posted on our website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

Press Releases

May 11, 2016: NHDES Expanding Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Investigation -Elevated Levels of PFOA Found in Amherst

Concord, NH - The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is expanding its investigation into perfluorochemicals (PFCs) in drinking water to Amherst, New Hampshire near the former location of Textiles Coated International (TCI). Eleven water well test results received by NHDES show concentrations of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) ranging from non-detect to 620 parts per trillion (ppt). Four of the eleven water well test results were over 100 ppt. NHDES has advised properties whose wells showed concentrations above 100 ppt not to drink the water, and that bottled water will be provided to them as an interim measure. NHDES has posted a map of the results here: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-aerial-amherst-20160510.pdf> 

To read the entire release, please go to: <http://des.nh.gov/media/pr/2016/20160511-pfoa.htm>

Private Well Sampling

Bedford/Litchfield/Londonderry/Manchester/Merrimack:

475 wells have been sampled to date (includes Merrimack Village District Water Works wells)

239 well samples have been received by NHDES

65 wells have tested at or above 100 parts per trillion for PFOA

To view an updated map, please visit: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-aerial-20160513.pdf>

Amherst:

11 wells have been sampled to date

11 well samples have been received by NHDES

4 wells have tested at or above 100 parts per trillion for PFOA

To view an updated map, please visit: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-aerial-amherst-20160510.pdf>

Public Water System Test Results

Updated Results are available here: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-public-water-results-20160513.pdf>

Bottled Water Delivery/Availability

Residents eligible for bottled water include residents of Merrimack and Litchfield living within the original 1-mile investigation radius who get their water from local wells (not through Merrimack Village Water District or Pennichuck), as well as those on the following streets outside of that radius: Century Avenue, Courtland Avenue, Lance Avenue, Jeff Lane, Mike Lane, Ronisa Avenue, Ivy Way, Robyn Avenue, Acorn Way, Oak Drive, Sybil Lane, Garden Drive and 377-450 Charles Bancroft Hwy (north of Midway Ave. and south of Strawberry Lane), as well as residents of Manchester on Brown Avenue south of Raymond Wieczorek Drive, and residents in Amherst whose wells tested above 100 parts per trillion of PFOA. These residents should be receiving bottled water from Monadnock Mountain Spring Water. If you are eligible and have not received delivery of bottled water or have questions about receiving bottled water, please contact Andy Fulton, NHDES at (603) 271-7376 (for Bottled Water Inquiries Only).

Sensitive Receptor Site Soil Sampling

Sensitive receptor site soil sampling in Merrimack and Litchfield concluded the week of May 2nd. Results are expected in three to four weeks.

Agricultural Facility/Soil Sampling

NHDES, the NH Department of Agriculture, NH Cooperative Extension and Saint-Gobain's environmental consultant conducted field interviews the week of May 9th, in preparation for future soil sampling.

Upcoming Public Meetings

NHDES and the Town of Amherst will be hosting a public information meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Souhegan High School Theater, 412 Boston Post Road, Amherst.

Public Inquiries

If you have questions regarding the NHDES investigation into PFOA found in Southern NH drinking water, please call the Public Inquiry Line at (603) 271-9461 or visit <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm> .

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